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COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT 26 September to 9 October 1952

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24 October 1952

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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains

between 26 September and 1 October 1952:

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| Date | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 26 September | 11 boxcars and 30 flatcars | Nennhausen | Eberswalde |
| 27 September | 14 boxcars and 33 flatcars | Rathenow | Bernau |
| | 6 boxcars and 37 flatcars | Rathenow | Eberswalde |
| | 11 boxcars and 39 flatcars | Rathenow | Eberswalde |
| | 8 boxcars and 23 flatcars | Prennitz | Frauenwalde |
| | 8 boxcars and 28 flatcars | Prennitz | Zehdenick |
| 28 September | 6 boxcars and 45 SSY-type flatcars | Grossbehnitz | Satzkorn |
| | 3 boxcars and 16 SSY-type flatcars | Buschow | Satzkorn |
| | 1 boxcar and 16 SSY-type flatcars | Buschow | Satzkorn |
| | 7 flatcars | Buschow | Eberswalde |
| | 10 boxcars, 39 flatcars and | Rathenow | Bernau |

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| Date | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
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| 28 September | 5 SSY-type flatcars | Rathenow | Bernau |
| | 1 boxcar and 13 flatcars | Rathenow | Bernau |
| | 15 boxcars, 33 flatcars and 2 SSY-type flatcars | Rathenow | Bernau |
| | 17 boxcars and 47 flatcars | Nauen | Undetermined |
| | 7 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 6 SSY-type flatcars | Premnitz | Bernau |
| 1 October | 10 boxcars and 30 flatcars | Stendal | Rathenow |

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(1) and (2)

2. Troop trains [redacted] between 28 September and 2 October included:

| Date | Composition of Troop Trains | From | To |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 28 September | 2 boxcars and 23 flatcars | Mennhausen | Brandenburg Altstadt |
| 30 September | 5 boxcars and 21 flatcars | Jaevenitz | Brandenburg Altstadt |
| 2 October | 10 boxcars and 16 flatcars | Satzkorn | Jueterbog |

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3. From 4 to 9 October, a stand-by status was decreed for railroad operations. All security measures for special occasions were placed into effect. (4)
4. According to an order of the Berlin railroad district headquarters, dated 4 October, heavy loading ramps were dispatched to Weissenburg. (5)
5. By order of the SCC, 600 flatcars were to be dispatched to the Erfurt railroad district by the Berlin railroad district headquarters between 28 September and 4 October. (6)

Comments.

- (1) The troop trains between 26 and 28 September carried units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which had participated in the field exercises in the area south of Rathenow and east since about 20 September 1952, and returned to their home stations. Compare with observations on north-bound troop trains which passed through the Oranienburg railroad station. [redacted]
- (2) The troop train from Stendal to Rathenow was previously reported [redacted]

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- (3) The train from Nennhausen possibly carried elements of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div, and the train from Jaevenitz components of the 3d Gds Army AT Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army, which had participated in field exercises in the Rathenow area and at Letzling Heath respectively and returned to their home stations in Brandenburg.
- (4) The stand-by status was probably decreed on the occasion of the "Peace Parade" in Berlin on 7 October 1952 in connection with the rail movements to and from Berlin.
- (5) A Weissenburg railroad station is reported for the first time. [redacted] possibly referred to the Weissenfels railroad station in the Erfurt railroad district, where, according to information obtained [redacted] 774 flatcars and 50 RRYS-type flatcars were to be made available in late September and early October 1952. [redacted] and [redacted] Comment 4 of this report.
- (5) The 600 flatcars probably were for the transportation of some units of the Eighth Gds Army from the troop training grounds to their home stations.

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